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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON CYPRUS

1. SECURITY COUNCIL HELD INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AFTERNOON
OF AUGUST 30 ON CYPRUS QUESTION. WITH EXCEPTION OF USSR
AND MAURITIUS, THERE WAS LITTLE SENSE OF URGENCY EXPRESSED.
SC PRESIDENT WILL CONTINUE PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS WITH
PARTIES, WITH LIKELIHOOD OF FORMAL COUNCIL SESSION AFTERNOON
OF AUGUST 31.

2. IN INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT (FRANCE)
MADE TWO POINTS:

-- DEBATE SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN SUCH A WAY AS NOT TO
COMPROMISE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. AS RESULT OF HIS CONSULTA-
TIONS, HE FELT THAT ALL PARTIES WERE AGREED THAT INTER-
COMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS REMAINED THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENT FOR A
SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM;

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-- WITH HIS FIRST CONCLUSION IN MIND, SC WOULD
HAVE TO CONSIDER HOW BEST TO CONCLUDE DEBATE, WHETHER
WITH A RESOLUTION OR WITH A STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT.
THESE REMARKS GENERALLY SUPPORTED BY OTHER SPEAKERS,
WITH EMPHASIS ON NEED TO AVOID ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE.

3. AMBASSADOR LEONARD SAID THERE WAS NO QUESTION THAT

SC WOULD RESPOND TO CYPRUS GOVERNMENT COMPLAINT, ONLY
AS TO WHAT WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY. LEONARD
STRESSED DIFFICULT AND DELICATE SITUATION ON CYPRUS.
THERE HAD BEEN ALMOST NO RECENT PROGRESS IN INTER-
COMMUNAL TALKS. IT WOULD BE VERY EASY FOR COUNCIL TO
GIVE ONE SIDE OR OTHER A REASON TO WITHDRAW ALTOGETHER
FROM TALKS. WITH THIS IN MIND, LEONARD SUGGESTED THAT
A SC DECISION REACHED IN FORM OF A CONSENSUS MIGHT BE
MORE HELPFUL THAN A RESOLUTION ON WHICH THERE WOULD BE
DIVIDED VIEWS.
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